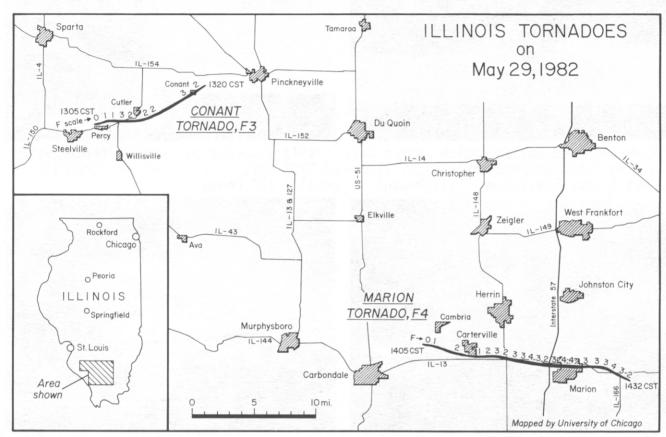
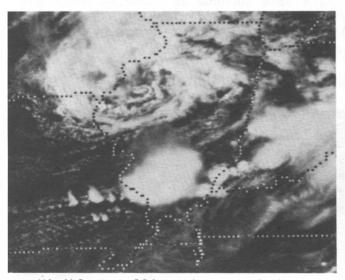
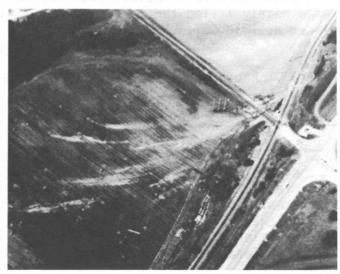
6. ILLINOIS TORNADOES on May 29, 1982

Two major tornadoes occurred in southern Illinois on May 29th. The first, an F3, almost completely destroyed the small rural community of Conant. The second tornado carved a swath of F4 destruction through the north side of Marion, leaving 10 dead and 181 injuried. The tornadoes paths, shown below with F scale indicated where possible, were mapped from a Cessna 182 on June 1st by Duane Stiegler, University of Chicago.





Visible satellite picture of the storm cloud taken at 1415 CST as the tornado was about to enter Marion. --- Photo from NESS.



Dispersed bales of hay in the path of the Conant Tornado near the intersection of Illinois routes 150 and 43. (UC Photo)







The cone-shaped vortex of the Marion Tornado (left) created a huge debris cloud (center) before it departed Marion (right). --- Photos by Ms. Sheila Eggert .





At left is the damage swath through Marion (looking west), and at right is what remains of the Shawnee Village apartments. (UC Photos) removed from their foundations.





Two pictures above show homes in the Marion area which were completely (UC Photo)



A new-car showroom in Marion in the



The Marion Town & Country Shopping direct path of the tornado. (UC Photo) Center which was cut in half. (UC Photo)

--- All UC Photos by Duane Stiegler, University of Chicago.